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Oswald: new doubts raised

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Greatly enlarged frames of a long-ignored film and the statements of two eyewitnesses raised new questions today about Lee Harvey Oswald's role in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

One witness claimed the FBI deliberately distorted her statements to make them conform to the officially promulgated theory that Oswald acted alone.

The film was taken seven minutes before the shooting by an amateur photographer and purportedly shows — when blown up hundreds of times — two figures moving in the Texas School Book Depository's sixth-floor window from which Oswald allegedly fired.

"I'm convinced that there were at least two images moving on the sixth floor," said Robert J. Groden, a photo-optical consultant to the House Assassinations Committee and an avowed believer that there was a conspiracy to kill Kennedy.

The film was viewed four days after the asssassination by FBI Agent Milton Newsom who concluded the pictures were not clear enough to be used.

Its existence was discovered about six months ago by researchers from the Assassination Information Bureau who delved through 90,000 pages of secert FBI documents declassified late last year.

The documents include interviews with two eyewitnesses who now say the FBI distorted their 1963 statements and passed on inaccurate information to the Warren Commission.

Mrs. Carolyn Johnston of Stephenville, Tex., said she saw Oswald in the depository lunchroom on the second floor just five minutes before the assassination.

But the FBI quoted her as saying she caught a glimpse of someone who may have been Oswald as she was walking to watch the Kennedy motorcade.

Mrs. Carolyn Walter of Dallas said the FBI "set out to prove me a liar" when she told them she'd seen two men in an upper floor double window of the depository about the time Bronson was filming.

"They [the FBI] tried to make me think that what I saw were boxes. Now the boxes are lighter colored and this definitely was the shape of a person or part of a person.